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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Ranjan GHOSAL *et al.* )  
Serial No.: Div. of 08/663,709 )  
Filed: November 26, 1999 )  
For: MODIFIED CARBON ADSORBENTS AND PROCESSES  
FOR ADSORPTION USING THE SAME

) Group Art Unit: Unknown

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 30, 1999

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified new application, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-17, 26, and 27. Please amend claim 18 as follows:

*18. (Amended)* A method to adsorb an adsorbate comprising contacting said adsorbate with a modified carbonaceous material capable of adsorbing said adsorbate wherein at least one organic group is attached to said modified carbonaceous material, wherein said organic group comprises an aromatic group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> alkyl group directly attached to the carbonaceous material.